



PUBLIC NOTICE

A PROPOSED REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

*The Learner Company Site
Stockton, California*

September 22, 2010 to October 22, 2010

From September 22 to October 22, 2010, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is accepting public comments on a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for The Learner Company site located at 2711 Navy Drive in Stockton, California. The Learner Company conducted metal recycling operations including sorting, consolidating, stockpiling, cutting and/or shredding of recyclable materials in preparation for transport off-Site by trucks or rail cars.

Past activities at the Site resulted in contamination of soil with the following contaminants of concern: metals, Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPHs), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), including Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs). Prolonged exposure to these contaminants has the potential to negatively impact human health and the environment.

The proposed cleanup is to excavate approximately 42,000 cubic yards of impacted soil, segregate out any metal fragments, sample the excavated soil, and transport contaminated soil to an appropriate disposal facility. Once the excavation has been completed, confirmation soil samples of the excavated areas will be collected to verify that the removal was successful. Clean fill and/or reusable excavated soil will be used to backfill excavated areas and the Site will be graded back to its original condition.

Once the Site has been graded, permanent groundwater monitoring wells will be installed.

DTSC has determined that a Negative Declaration under CEQA is appropriate for the proposed cleanup. A Negative Declaration is a document that states that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed cleanup will have a significant effect on the environment. The Negative Declaration is also available for review and comment during the comment period for the draft RAW.

If you have questions about the Site or the project, please contact Jerry Lile, DTSC Project Manager, at (916) 255-3744 or via email at jlile@dtsc.ca.gov. Questions/issues pertaining to public involvement should be addressed to Heidi Nelson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3575 or (866) 495-5651. Ms. Nelson's email address is hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Kam Coveyou, Information Officer, at (916) 324-8304, or via email at kcoveyou@dtsc.ca.gov.

The draft RAW, proposed Negative Declaration and other related documents are available for review at Cesar Chavez Central Library (Stockton-San Joaquin County Library), 605 N El Dorado St., Stockton, California 95202-1907. Please call (209) 937-8221 to make an appointment. The entire Site record is available at DTSC's Sacramento Office, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826. Please call (916) 255-3779 to make an appointment.

You may also obtain information via the Web at: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>. Once at the website, type the word 'Stockton' in the box titled 'City' and take the cursor to the 'Get Report' key near the bottom of the screen and click once. Choose the project titled 'LEARNER COMPANY, THE'. Take the cursor to the 'Report' field and click once. The screen will provide you with several documents available for review by the public.